

## Message Text

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M ONLY-FOR VAN GILDER FROM MOSSE

NOW THAT THE "16 CANCER CASE" STUDY HAS SURFACED THE WORST  
THING WE CAN DO IS TO APPEAR FURTIVE. MY REASON FOR SEEKING  
KEEP IT QUIET FOR AWHILE WAS TO GAIN TIME FOR STUDIES WHICH MIGHT  
ALLAY ANXIETIES OR AT LEAST REDUCE THE UNKNOWNNS. I THINK THAT  
WE SHOULD BE AS RELAXED AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THE STORY WHILE EXPRESSING  
REGRET THAT NEW ANXIETIES WILL BE GENERATED. IN THIS CONNECTION  
IT MIGHT BE WELL TO DEFER TO POSSIBILITY OF EARLIER RESULTS. BUT  
I WOULD NOT WANT TO MAKE SUCH A REFERENCE IF SO DOING WOULD SUGGEST  
AN AIR OF NEW, URGENT CONCERN.  
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## Message Attributes

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